THE CLOCK OF DEATH

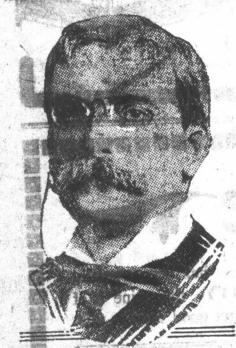
The clock at Hampton Court Palace derived its unpleasant title of "The Clock of Death" by reason of a superstition that whenever anyone le resident in the Palace dies the clock immediately stops. It is on record that when Anne of Denmark, the Queen of James I. died, the old timepiece was striking four, and that it stopped almost before the last stroke sounded. Since that time it is said to have repeated this grisly proceeding each time a R wal personage within its jurisdiction died.

At any rate, the clock has an interesting history quite aside from this. It was the first astronomical timepiece made in England, being constructed in 1540 for Henry VIII. In 1885 it was brought out of a shed wherein it had lain neglected for nearly half a century, and by order of the then Secretary of the Office of Works it was re-crected in the contryard opposite the entrance to the State apartments.

SIR WILLIAM PETERSON

of McGill University, Montreal, Was Great Classicist

Sir William Peterson took over the principalship of McGill University in His record in Old Country educational annals had been brilliant. Entering the University of Edinburgh, in 1872, his name headed the list of honors in classics in graduating; and as he was then only eighteen years old, he was too young to receive his degree. It was at first his intention to follow law, but being invited to teach classics at Edinburgh he ac-



ce ted. later becoming at the age of twenty five, head of the newly-founded ere of Tundee. There he showed only great executive ability, but built up a reputation as a scholar which caused him to be known as "one of the finest Latin men of his time. An able writer and speaker, Sir William's regime at McGill was marked by notable progress along general lines.

QUEEN'S IVORY CARDS

Royalties Receive Many Strange But Valuable Presents

The miniature cricket but of pure old presented by Etonians to Queen lary is a reminder that the late Duke arence, an enthusiastic cricketer i his day, was once given a cricket at constructed of walnut and valued nearly \$250. Moreover, it is not years ago that the Prince of was made a present of a silver car weighing nearly 74 ounces, by the Lartmouth Corporation; and the n-mother of Spain much prizes a lar pack of cards—each card beg beautifully worked in ivory-that arably accompanied the great Eugène on his many cam-

But the present Queen of Spain has what is probably the most elaborate hone receiver and transmitter in telephone receiver and transmitted in the world. It is made of solid silver, and was presented to her by the employes of the National Telephone Company. Most artistically designed, the leading feature is a small boy—suporting the Spanish arms—who is represented to the spanish arms—who is reesented as in telephonic communicaon with a daintilly modelled English rl, beside whom crouches the British

SKULLS FOR HAMLET

Liverpool Theatre Had Gruesome Re sources-Situated in Graveyard

In the old days, when Kelly's Liverpool theatre was known as the Colosseum, the audience had to pass through a graveyard which partly eactroled the building, amongst the more superstitious frequenters the behef gained ground that the vicinity 1/28 haunted by some spirit "doomed for a certain term to walk the night." Let this be as it may, there is no doubt that the property man of the theatre was, prior to the removal of the remains for re-internment elswhere, never at his wits' end for a skull for Hamlet. When "Eugene Aram" was being played at one time it is reported that a real skeleton from the adjoining graveyard was, in fact, requisitioned to do duty for the bones of Aram's victim!

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Excellent Number of the Busy

The Yarmouth number of the Busy East which is just off the press, is a particularly creditable issue. The cover is very attractive, being all gray and containing a four color reproduction of "The Blue Boat" one of Bertha Declays killed and one injured. It seems well known paintings. The number contains nearly sixty half shelter in a nouse which is not protone illustrations and much inter- chances in the open, where every esting and valuable information to shock or injury far greater than concerning the town of Yarmouth, This number should be in the hands of everyone interested in the advancement and progress of Yarmouth and Western Nova Scotia. The Busy East is striving to preach the gospel of Maritime co-operation which in the years to come, will it is hoped, result in real good to the resourceful and beautiful Provinces by the Sea.

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NOWHERE SAFE FROM LIGHTNING'S FLASHES

Not Foolish to be Afraid of Thunder storms—Some Places Safer Than Others

The question is often asked as to the location of greatest safety during a thunderstorm. In this respect it may be said that there is no place or object in the path of a thunderstorm that is not liable to a stroke of lightning. Places or objects may be more or less liable to a stroke of lightning according to their relative exposure, etc., but no place in the path of a thunderstorm is to be considered as one upon which a stroke

of lightning is not likely to fall. The location of complete safety during a thunderstorm is, therefore, one in which, even though a stroke of lightning does fall upon it, no larm will come to the occupants. Such a location may be found only in a space entirely surrounded by a metal network, in a steel frame building, or in an underground chamber,

No Absolute Safety With the exception of places similar to these three, there does not seem to be any place where absolute safety may be obtained. The next degree of safety is undoubtedly to be found in houses or other buildings which are protected by lightning rods, but, although the degree of safety which can

be attained by using rods may be very

high, the risk can not, be entirely eliminated. In the event of a stroke on an unprotected building there is considerable danger to life, but there is no doubt that an unprotected house is preferable to the open, under trees, or in unprotected out-buildings. When a stroke falls on an unprotected house sheltering a family of the average number of persons, the minimum chances of escape are 45 in 100. In all probability, however, the chances of escape are much greater than this.

Better Indoors In 254 instances of casualties in un protected houses which are given in these records, there were 117 cases of death and 137 cases of injury. From the same cource it is found that in 153 cases of persons struck in open fields, 116 were killed and 37 were injured. In nine cases of persons struck near wire fences, eight were therefore, that it is far better to take shelter in a house which is not pro thing is damp and hence the liability

IN BACKWARD CANADA

Quaint Ways and Costumes of Islands in St. Lawrence Gul

A night's sail to the north of Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of Lawrence, one happens on the Mag dalen islands- Low-lying and scat tered Amherst, Grindstore Entry, Al right, Coden, Bryon and the Bird Rocks—a group of romance-filled lands which if they were better known would have visitors by the hundred through the summer months. La Grande Demoiselle et La Petite Demoiselle are the two smoothly rounded combinations of mountain and cliff which together with sandbars, miles in length, form the chief landmarks of the approach.

Here in these islands, whose his tory dates back to the French discovery and rossession of Canada, one appens on rare things-women in sunbonnets 'riding in carts, knitting in hand; borry-pickers, ready with a leasant smile to have their pictures aken; hay-makers, whole family groups, the women and children all elping with the hay while the good weather lasts; little boys sailing toy boats that they themselves have modelled and fitted; men and women wearing homespun garments and homemade shees of sealskin; basket makers and hookers of gay patterned

READ INSURANCE POLICY

Householders Careless About Details That Might Mean Loss

The following, or a similar clause, appears in all policies of fire insurthe company is not liable for losses following, that is to say:
Where the insurance is upon buildings or their contents for loss caused by the want of good and substantial brick or stone or cement chimnies; or by ashes or embers being deposited, with he knowledge and consent of the asored, in wooden vessels; or by toyes or stove-pipes being, to the nowledge of the assured, in an unat's condition, or improperly secured. Nothwithstanding this, in one year Canada, there were 51 fires from efective and overheated stoves and rnaces; 62 from defective and overleated pipes, chimneys, etc., and 8 y live coals and hot ashes. Should the insurance companies take advantage of this clause, many victims of heir own carelessness would find themselves without any recompense for their losses.

Disposal of Ashes During the winter months the disocsal of ashes from stoves and furdemands attention. Though many fires are caused by the disposiof hot ashes against frame buildings, wooden fences, etc., the practice is still continued. Too much care cannot be given to the disposal of ashes. Either metal containers should used or the ashes should be placed sale distance from anything com-

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